

Dublin 6th December 1839

My dear Friend

Rev. S. May sen.

My son is writing to me of his
New York letter & asks me to send a line
if I write. I only desire to say that
I hope what I said about "the great
mystery" won't trouble you. The truth is
I am very stupid about money matters
& that in every such matter I have
far more faith in you than in myself
than as the dose of doubt that you will
be as just to me as to yourself. For
months past I have had my hands
full of business - so that I have almost
no leisure. My eldest son poor health
is a great affliction to himself & to me
he is as good as gold & would wish to be
helpful & strong - which his health forbids.
This, therefore, is a loss upon me which at any
rate I ~~could~~ would gladly dispense with.

Richard's tastes do not coincide with
my convenience but indeed with his
own pecuniary interests in the emergency
of them I have a double burden to bear &
having "no play" I am like Jack, "a dull
boy." I am sure from the accounts
between us are good & regular. When
you see W. L. F. with you tell him how
glad I was to hear from him by his own
beautiful hand that no one could
walk into my home who would be more
welcome in it. I expect by the time
we see him to have him better & finer
walks than we have now. The winter
hitherto has been harsh, gloomy, rough,
& cold - just the opposite of your racing
frosts & sunny skies of which I have
read & heard so much.

Considering the vast number of pro-
slavery Americans who travel in
England, it is far from being surprising
that they vocalize the truth, un-
becoming English people - who are not apt to

to trouble themselves with abstract principles
with their pen-lavering notions - or at
least with a feeling that the abolitionists
are enthusiastic - a class for whom the
English people have little respect. I copy
a lately published by James Knowlton (a
Unitarian here in London) on the
Religious aspects of the U. S. containing
some damaging defamations respecting
the abolitionists of the Am. A. S. Society
than I have ever seen in an English
book. It accuses them of irreligion &
a ~~gross~~ wholesale blasphemy in such
general terms as must be untrue
& yet could not be easily disproved without
living witnesses.

I will pay you what I owe you when
forwarding the money for Mrs Chapman in
a week or two. I hope the delay will
be no inconvenience -

Yours ever truly

Richd D Webb

Will you hand £1 for Mrs Brown's sake to her child for me

